

15 JAN 1954 REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1953

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1953 -

Males - 320,881;

Females - 301,322;

Persons - 622,203

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1953 -

Persons - 351,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	OCTOBER		10 Months Ended OCTOBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	422	437	4,136	4,439
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.90	8.48	7.98	8.87
Births - Number	1,410	1,451	13,262	13,036
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.39	28.15	25.60	26.04
Deaths - Number	442	434	4,259	4,357
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.27	8.42	8.22	8.70
Infant Mortality - Number	35	27	326	336
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	24.82	18.61	24.58	25.77
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	8	43	64
Malignant neoplasms	66	48	608	569
Diabetes mellitus	2	4	31	31
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	14	22
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	43	55	463	527
Diseases of the heart	131	134	1,309	1,280
Hypertension with heart disease	10	16	145	136
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	7	65	62
Arteriosclerosis	22	16	148	156
Influenza	9	6	19	20
Pneumonia	13	13	172	154
Bronchitis	6	2	43	37
Other respiratory disease	5	4	34	60
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	35	33
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	2	16	29
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	5	11
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	2	24	15
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	5	68	69
Diseases of the prostate	5	7	39	51
Maternal causes	-	1	4	15
Diseases of early infancy	21	17	196	206
Motor vehicle accidents	20	13	163	163
Other accidents	20	17	169	170
Suicide	8	8	45	67
All other causes	34	46	401	410
<u>Total.</u>	442	434	4,259	4,357

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1953 totalled 1,602,968 acres, an increase of 473,687 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,385,600 acres, a decrease of 708,785.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of NOVEMBER		Five months Ended NOVEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,112,456	2,918,010	15,835,224	13,837,078
Revenue per Head of Population	£4. 18. 8	£4. 15. 6	£25. 5. 1	£22. 16. 2
Expenditure	3,474,624	3,064,075	17,463,059	15,273,306
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 10. 2	£5. 0. 4	£27. 17. 0	£25. 3. 6

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 30th November, 1953 amounted to £51,348,719 or £81. 5. 0d. per head of population as against £48,833,145 or £79. 15. 6d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

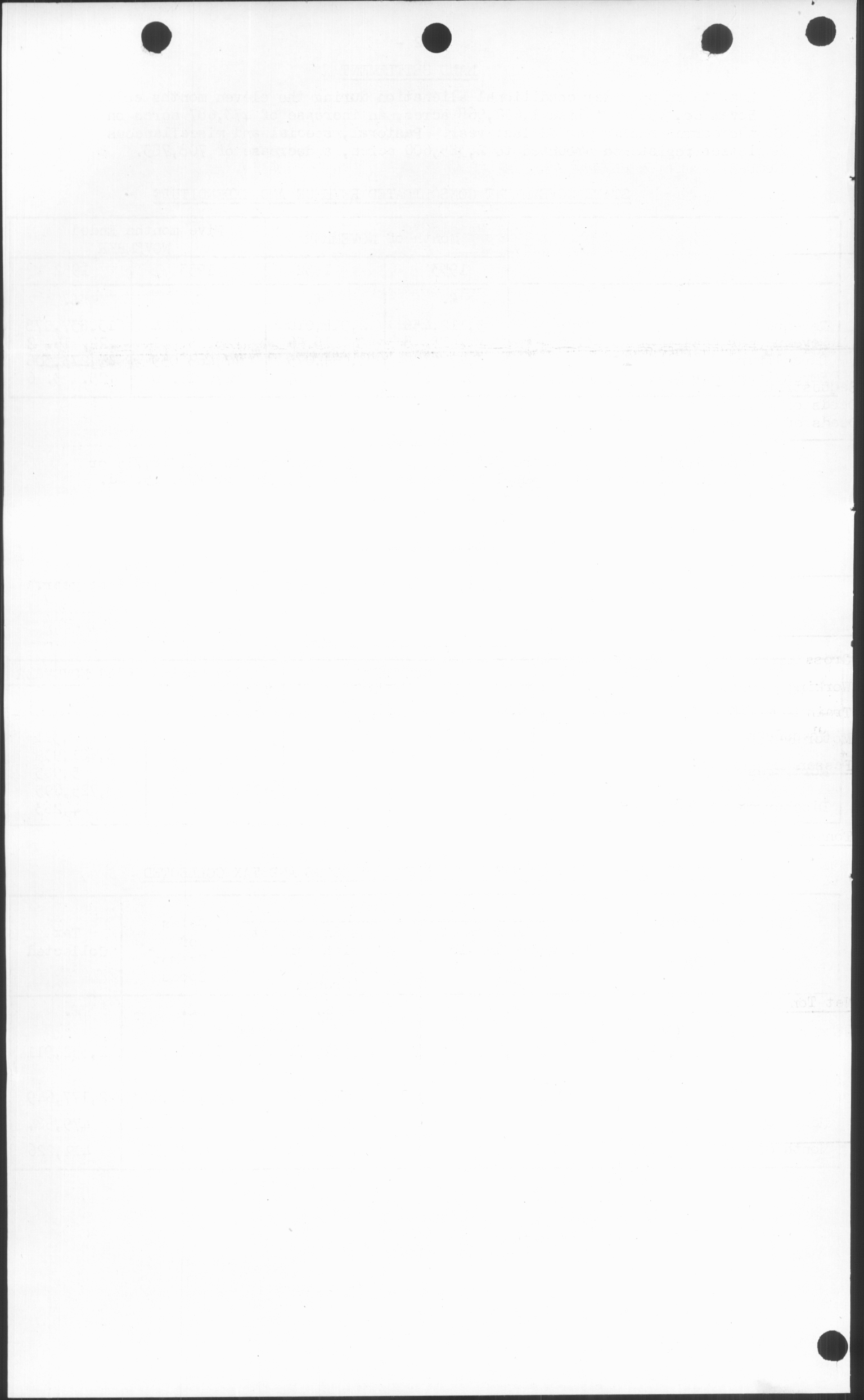
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th November, 1953 amounted to £13,082,361 compared with £11,705,211 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months Ended NOVEMBER	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	1,901	1,623	9,993	8,311
	£.	2,377,680	1,656,207	13,088,983	8,881,939
Mortgages	No.	1,663	1,170	8,625	5,905
	£.	2,605,150	1,623,865	13,635,710	8,725,693
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,014	779	5,530	4,263

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1953	16,268,781	10,331,671	38,728,306	2,352,911
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1952	11,421,522	10,458,010	32,766,627	2,177,649
Month of NOVEMBER, 1953	3,529,889	2,445,223	7,963,642	479,584
Month of NOVEMBER, 1952	2,242,138	1,845,008	4,739,724	411,226





# COMPANIES REGISTERED

73 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £3,337,503, and 25 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 41 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,419,000 and 20 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY

	Five months Ended NOVEMBER					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	17	57,623	42,189	15	42,483	24,088
Deeds of Assignment (a)	11	41,685	54,801	12	52,576	51,364
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		OCTOBER		4 Months Ended OCTOBER	
		1953	1952 /	1953	1952 /
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	979,300	634,100	3,293,900	1,843,000
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,221,241	941,921	4,523,749	3,410,877
Train Miles Run	No.	606,967	423,879	2,337,259	1,025,831
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 163,958	(b) 173,837	(c) 630,434	(c) 692,515
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	687,484	851,753	2,861,356	1,432,449
Motor Bus	No.	50,598	56,323	206,791	232,997
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		218,586	170,143	928,181	509,369
Livestock		15,489	16,787	46,654	41,773
Departmental (Free Freight)		65,804	47,987	256,062	136,172
Total.		299,879	234,917	1,230,897	687,314
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		36,703,044	28,566,469	158,584,897	74,018,557
Livestock		2,147,035	2,450,872	6,380,078	5,655,649
Departmental (Free Freight)		9,349,330	7,005,919	37,558,355	18,263,867
Total.		48,199,409	38,023,260	202,523,330	97,938,073

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 17th October.

(c) Period ended 17th October.

\* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
1953 -								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	8	124
April	292	161	4	51	545	439	6	93
May	330	139	2	52	566	425	2	80
June	272	160	8	45	501	390	11	76
July	386	174	5	61	694	471	8	106
August	325	147	7	44	592	397	8	79
September	542	195	9	53	995	488	9	85
October	523	195	6	77	917	465	7	111

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
January	40,516	17,384	530	9,981	66,392	50,193	976	14,723
February	40,644	17,438	527	9,954	67,497	51,806	1,002	15,136
March	40,931	17,501	530	9,966	68,465	52,738	1,016	15,420
April	41,155	17,564	533	9,984	68,833	52,618	1,022	15,425
May	41,271	17,552	530	9,937	69,502	53,367	1,024	15,545
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
July	42,576	18,934	542	9,981	69,571	53,261	1,044	14,666
August	42,727	18,992	550	9,898	69,989	53,569	1,053	14,618
September	43,247	19,121	551	9,963	70,962	53,991	1,054	14,715
October	43,752	19,273	560	9,875	71,723	54,092	1,061	14,593

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for October, 1953:-  
98 Cars; 750 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, September, 1953 and 1952, and three months ended September 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Overseas	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,484	2,806	10,129	8,584	4,730	4,310	13,229	16,593
	6,320	5,483	20,094	18,103	2,451	2,037	6,659	6,273
Total.	9,804	8,289	30,223	26,687	7,181	6,347	19,888	22,866





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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876
June Qr.	767	1,830	1,229	3,191	15	241	129	597	2,140	5,859
Sept. Qr.	593	1,443	1,370	3,537	25	249	163	1,079	2,151	6,308

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
<u>1953 -</u>										
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969
June Qr.	700	2,132	288	787	986	2,044	7	17	1,981	4,980
Sept. Qr.	601	1,894	283	759	1,003	2,173	6	15	1,893	4,841

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

2,124,915 lbs. were produced during November, 1953 and 8,891,045 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1953, as against 2,075,370 lbs. and 9,507,451 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION

			NOVEMBER		11 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
			1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity	.....	Fine Ozs.	64,945	57,315	763,104	887,898
Value (Aust. Currency) *		£.	1,006,099	887,898	11,663,062	10,280,832

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1953 amounted to £875,041. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £816,871.





# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months Ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2690	2448	2554	2283	2328	2216	2273	2111
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2759	2645	2706	2466	2369	2309	2349	2201
Northam	2672	2511	2590	2342	2336	2239	2295	2120
Bunbury	2689	2500	2585	2333	2338	2242	2292	2135
Geraldton	2734	2569	2648	2385	2433	2355	2399	2225
Collie	2728	2518	2614	2344	2233	2130	2187	2027

# ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231	129,666	41,211	170,877
May	126,734	41,110	167,844	129,673	41,189	170,862
June	126,001	40,564	166,565	130,185	41,029	171,214
July	125,215	40,408	165,623	130,540	41,132	171,672
August	125,577	40,115	165,692	130,351	41,296	171,647
September	125,235	40,272	165,507	130,899	41,443	172,342
October	126,306	40,389	166,695	131,392	41,824	173,216
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

# EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	216	219	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	216	222	1371	1415	1513	1522	1534
April	187	200	215	215	223	1377	1415	1508	1517	1550
May	187	203	216	214	224	1354	1418	1500	1512	1557
June	187	202	215	211	224	1362	1429	1517	1495	1575
July	182	204	218	210	224	1381	1423	1517	1497	1578
August	189	204	217	214	224	1377	1419	1510	1488	1567
September	190	204	216	213	224	1365	1428	1518	1485	1585
October	191	206	217	214	225	1375	1431	1522	1507	1607
November	192	207	217	214		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	215	215		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/7/53	12. 6. 6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7. 19. 11.	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	NOVEMBER		Five Months Ended NOVEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	30,672	27,145	161,438	143,376
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	27,538	24,144	144,435	126,626

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
November, 1953	6,078	453	142,986	11,023
November, 1952	5,353	469	202,514	10,008
11 Months ended November, 1953	106,766	4,794	1,020,590	94,150
11 Months ended November, 1952	92,319	5,969	1,125,765	105,495

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	Total Accidents Reported		Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country
<u>1953 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	1,100	276	316	102	164	75	6	5	197	129
February	1,072	266	271	108	176	65	8	9	237	87
March	1,110	319	286	125	178	95	5	13	217	138
April	1,117	319	319	136	169	81	12	7	186	117
May	1,242	300	381	130	167	86	13	9	190	116
June	1,273	259	381	128	154	62	9	7	191	75
July	1,280	253	361	115	182	56	9	3	209	74
August	1,168	273	335	109	138	76	7	9	163	118
September	1,153	266	352	125	141	57	12	6	152	70
October(a)	1,323	285	373	133	205	65	8	6	264	90
November(b)	1,204	(c)	326	(c)	155	(c)	4	(c)	197	(c)
Totals to - <u>October</u>	11,838	2,816	3,375	1,211	1,674	718	89	74	2,006	1,014
<u>November</u>	13,042	(c)	3,701	(c)	1,829	(c)	93	(c)	2,203	(c)

(a) Revised.

(b) Subject to minor revision.

(c) Not yet available.

# STATE BIRTH DATA

Date of Birth	Registration Area		Local Jurisdiction		Place of Birth	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1955	12,500	13,000	12,500	13,000	12,500	13,000

## ELIMINATED BIRTHS - INTERNATIONAL AREA

Year	Male	Female	Total
1955	12,500	13,000	25,500

Year	Male	Female	Total
1956	12,500	13,000	25,500

Year	Male	Female	Total
1957	12,500	13,000	25,500
1958	12,500	13,000	25,500
1959	12,500	13,000	25,500
1960	12,500	13,000	25,500
1961	12,500	13,000	25,500
1962	12,500	13,000	25,500
1963	12,500	13,000	25,500
1964	12,500	13,000	25,500
1965	12,500	13,000	25,500
1966	12,500	13,000	25,500
1967	12,500	13,000	25,500
1968	12,500	13,000	25,500
1969	12,500	13,000	25,500
1970	12,500	13,000	25,500
1971	12,500	13,000	25,500
1972	12,500	13,000	25,500
1973	12,500	13,000	25,500
1974	12,500	13,000	25,500
1975	12,500	13,000	25,500
1976	12,500	13,000	25,500
1977	12,500	13,000	25,500
1978	12,500	13,000	25,500
1979	12,500	13,000	25,500
1980	12,500	13,000	25,500
1981	12,500	13,000	25,500
1982	12,500	13,000	25,500
1983	12,500	13,000	25,500
1984	12,500	13,000	25,500
1985	12,500	13,000	25,500
1986	12,500	13,000	25,500
1987	12,500	13,000	25,500
1988	12,500	13,000	25,500
1989	12,500	13,000	25,500
1990	12,500	13,000	25,500
1991	12,500	13,000	25,500
1992	12,500	13,000	25,500
1993	12,500	13,000	25,500
1994	12,500	13,000	25,500
1995	12,500	13,000	25,500
1996	12,500	13,000	25,500
1997	12,500	13,000	25,500
1998	12,500	13,000	25,500
1999	12,500	13,000	25,500
2000	12,500	13,000	25,500
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2019	12,500	13,000	25,500
2020	12,500	13,000	25,500

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(b) Not yet revised.  
(c) Not yet revised.